

Forest Land-Sindhudurg

Diversion of 0.112 ha. Reserved Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground OFC duct and Optical Fiber Cable passing within RoW of existing road.

Government of Maharashtra

Revenue and Forest Department

Government Order No.: FLD-2022/C.R.279/F-10

Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032

Date: 23.11.2022

Reference:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal/ Kolhapur /ID-13218(30)/1625/2022-23, dt.27.09.2022.

Preamble:-

M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Pune has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.112 ha. Reserved Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground OFC duct and Optical Fiber Cable passing within RoW of existing SH-185 road in Sindhudurg District to the State Forest Department.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval granted by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-principle**' approval to the diversion of 0.112 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable passing within RoW of existing SH-185 roads passing through Village Kumbharli ,Tal. Sawantwadi, Dist. Sindhudurg.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Item of Work	Name of the Village	Tal.	Dist.	Compt No.	Survey No.	Length & Width (in M.)	Area (in Ha)	Legal Status
Laying of underground OFC duct and cable within ROW of existing Road SH-185	Kumbharli	Sawantwadi	Sindhu -durg	150	84	1120 X 1	0.112	Reserved Forest
Total Forest Area (in ha)							0.112	

2. This 'in-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.

- 2) Cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 300 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Sindhudurg District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Afforestation will be carried on degraded forest land, details such as kml, latitude-longitude, record of rights, plan for afforestation of the proposed degraded forest land should be submitted to the State Government along with Stage-I compliance report.
- 3) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 1.0 meter width with cable line under the PVC pipeline.
- 4) The land under project will be reclaimed by the User Agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
- 5) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
- 6) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 7) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 8) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 9) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 10) The User Agency shall pay the cost of Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 11) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 12) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 13) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under Right of Way suitably.
- 14) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 15) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
- 16) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.

- 17) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 18) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
- 19) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
- 20) In case, the proposed area falls in the Right of Way of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, prior permission of the State Board for Wildlife should be obtained.
- 21) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
- 22) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- 23) Compliance report of above conditions shall be uploaded on PARIVESH portal.

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202211231836340019. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
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3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
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7. Collector, Sindhudurg.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Sindhudurg.
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sawantwadi.
11. M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Limited, Pune.
12. Select File-F-10.